



Statewide Summary of Montana's 2009-10 Traffic Education Programs*

(From the period of July 1, 2009– June 30, 2010)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

161	public high school districts were eligible to offer a traffic education program.
139	high school districts offered a state-approved traffic education program.
12,358	public and private high school students were eligible to enroll in traffic education.
8,498	students completed traffic education.

WHEN OFFERED

37	districts offered the program during regular school hours .
79	districts offered the program after school hours .
94	districts offered the program in the summer .

PROGRAM FEES

51	high school districts charged a fee during the first semester ; 70 during the second semester ; and 92 during the summer . The minimum fee was \$1.00 . The maximum fee was \$340.00 . The mode fee was \$150.00 .
26	districts charged no fee .
24	plan , for the upcoming school year and summer, to increase the fee charged students.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS

59	districts granted credit for successful completion of traffic education.
122	districts screened students for visual acuity.
80	districts employed a traffic and safety education coordinator and/or supervisor .
85	districts offered pedestrian safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
95	districts offered school bus rider safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
77	districts offered bicycle safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
54	districts offered traffic education for adult beginners.
132	districts provided traffic education for students with disabilities .
132	districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with motorcycles .
136	districts emphasized and required the use of seatbelts .
136	districts used Montana's current Traffic Education Curriculum Guide for its high school program.
31	districts conducted follow-up research on student performance (violations/accidents).
134	districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of alcohol/drug use in driving.
111	districts involved parents in the Traffic Education program.
113	districts participated in the Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) .
116	districts utilized computers in their program.
134	districts used the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) Web site to obtain traffic education information.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY

41	full-time teachers were employed.
249	part-time teachers were employed.
\$7.25	per hour is the minimum rate paid.
\$45.84	per hour is the maximum rate paid.
\$20.00	per hour is the mode minimum rate paid.
\$20.00	per hour is the mode maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES

270	vehicles were used in the program.
7	districts obtained their vehicles on a free loan basis.
3	districts obtained their vehicles on a daily fee basis.
34	districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis.
98	districts owned their vehicles.
1	instructors owned and provided vehicles.
3	districts used other means to obtain vehicles.

ACCIDENTS

8	traffic accidents occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
0	persons were killed .
0	persons were injured .
\$5,703.34	property damage costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL

\$455.57	is the average per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to \$99.42 per pupil.)
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* This information was compiled from the 2009-10 Traffic Education Year End Reports completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2009 and the school year 2009-10. If you have questions, please contact Fran Penner-Ray by telephone at (406) 444-4432, or by e-mail at fpenner-ray@mt.gov.